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Head of School

Friday 8th October 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

This week's Head of School Update is a special edition which focuses on our annual Careers Fair which took place on Thursday 5th October 2023.

Last year, we were incredibly excited to welcome so many visitors from various industries; however, this year, our Careers Fair was even bigger and most certainly the highlight of the week for our students!

"The different university exhibitors were really helpful today and has confirmed my intention to study accounting and finance at university." (Year 11 student).

"I had never considered to be a truck driver, but having the opportunity to sit in the truck cabin and finding out I can earn well over £45,000 a year is something I may consider for the future!" (Year 9 student).

This event provided an opportunity for all our students to interact with over 50 employers and education providers to feel inspired and begin to investigate possible areas of interest that may lead to final career destinations. We were grateful to have such a diverse array of exhibitors who gave students a deeper insight into their profession and the various pathways to pursue a career in the respective field. Students used this time to have meaningful discussions and engaged well with all the exhibitors. The visitors provided a range of resources and brochures, as well as some sweet treats which went down very well!



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Years 9, 10 and 11 students had allocated sessions during school time to visit and ask as many questions as possible, which they found very useful then Sixth Formers were able to visit the fair at any time during the day. Additionally, the Careers Fair was well attended by many students of all year groups, including parents/carers who attended the designated session after school.

We value the importance of this event and it was lovely to receive some of the comments made by some parents and carers who visited:

"I couldn't believe the atmosphere of this Careers Fair and seeing the excitement of everyone who attended the afternoon session. I am so pleased the school can offer events like this so my child can think about their future and career prospects." (Parent/carer)

"The Careers Fair was simply amazing and my child is now struggling to decide what they want to do in the future as their eyes were well and truly opened to the many pathways available! Thank you so much for this fabulous event." (Parent/carer)

There was plenty of interactive activities including the very popular 'football shoot out' supported by Boston United FC. There was a real sense of friendly competition who attempted to achieve the highest score. As this event involved football, naturally, Mr Bryan was on hand to display some of his fabulous skills and to remind students of his professional football days!



As well as a plethora of employers to talk to, students had the opportunity to learn from other exhibitors including:

- NHS and Healthcare
- Engineering and Construction
- Management, Law, Accounting and Marketing
- Uniformed Services
- Various apprenticeship, further and higher education providers including our SLAT Sixth Form
- Manufacturing, warehousing and logistics

This event was a huge success and my thanks go to the Careers team, particularly to Mrs Barber (Trust Careers & Aspirations Lead) and Miss Grant (Careers & Student Progression Co-ordinator) who organised such an amazing day. They said, *"we are delighted by all the positive comments from exhibitors, students, staff and parents/carers. The behaviour of the students was exceptional and they were all engaged and asked many questions throughout the day. The aim of the event was to raise awareness and aspirations to potential careers and once again the Careers Fair at Bourne Academy was a huge success and will see many students benefit from the information they received."*

In other news, on Friday 22nd September 2023, the PE department took 36 netball players to PGL, Boreatton Park for a weekend of netball and adventure activities. Netball teams were entered for Years 8 to 11. The netball tournament consisted of six matches over two days where our teams were working hard to achieve enough points to qualify for the semi-finals and finals on the final afternoon. All students worked hard demonstrating some outstanding play, with successful set plays, strong defensive work, and exciting attacking play. It was therefore delightful to have three of our teams (Year 8, Year 10 and Year 11) all qualify for the semi-finals. These three teams showed a high level of teamwork and displayed consistently strong skills, and, despite many nail-biting moments, all three teams won their semi-finals! Throughout the tournament, the umpires and officials were keeping track of all teams and by Sunday, they voted for a team they thought deserved 'team of the tournament'. This award was based upon behaviour on the court and attitude towards players and officials and it was a real honour that our Year 8 team were awarded the "Umpire's Team of the Tournament".

At the end of the weekend, the team coaches selected a "Coaches Player of the Tournament," and the squads selected a "Player's Player." The following students were awarded;

Coaches Player

- Poppy Green (Year 8)
- Zara Lawson (Year 9)
- Isabell Rowson (Year 10)
- Felicity Wafaa (Year 11)

Players Player

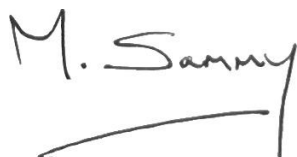
- Fleur Nelson (Year 7)
- Hettie Baker (Year 9)
- Sophie Fisher (Year 10)
- Evie Benson (Year 11)

A huge well done to all students who took part and my thanks to Mrs Woollard, Ms Coles, Mrs Pickard and Miss Lyn-Kew who supported this trip to give our students a memorable experience.

Finally, as a school we celebrated National Poetry day yesterday with the start to each lesson having a poem linked to the subject or topic. Literacy is an important aspect to our curriculum, and we are pleased with the number of students that are Young Reading Ambassadors and applications to be a junior librarian. I have also been impressed with the number of students in Year 7 and 8 who have completed Accelerated Reader quizzes. Next week we have got our DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read) for Years 7 and 8 on the 11th October.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Sammy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke underneath the name.

Mr Matt Sammy

Head of School, Bourne Academy

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Upcoming **key dates**

For students in years 10 and 11 who are considering their post-16 options, Bourne Academy Sixth Form have an Open Evening in November 2023.



Years 10 & 11 from all schools in the local area are welcome to our

SIXTH FORM Open Evening

Thursday 9th November 2023
6.00pm to 8.00pm

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